

2025-26 MacArthur Band Information Night



PLEASE SIGN IN!

MacArthur High School via Zoom

February 4th, 2025 6:30pm



MacArthur Band Staff

Hector Trevino – Director of Bands

- Wind Ensemble, Fees, General program questions, Brass

Veronica Salinas – Assistant Band Director

- Symphonic Band, Woodwinds

Marshall Summers – Asst. Band Director/Percussion Director

- Percussion Ensemble, Indoor percussion, Travel

Colorguard Director – Darius Kennedy

- Colorguard and Winter Season

A History of Excellence

Consistent Sweepstakes of over the span of 70 years

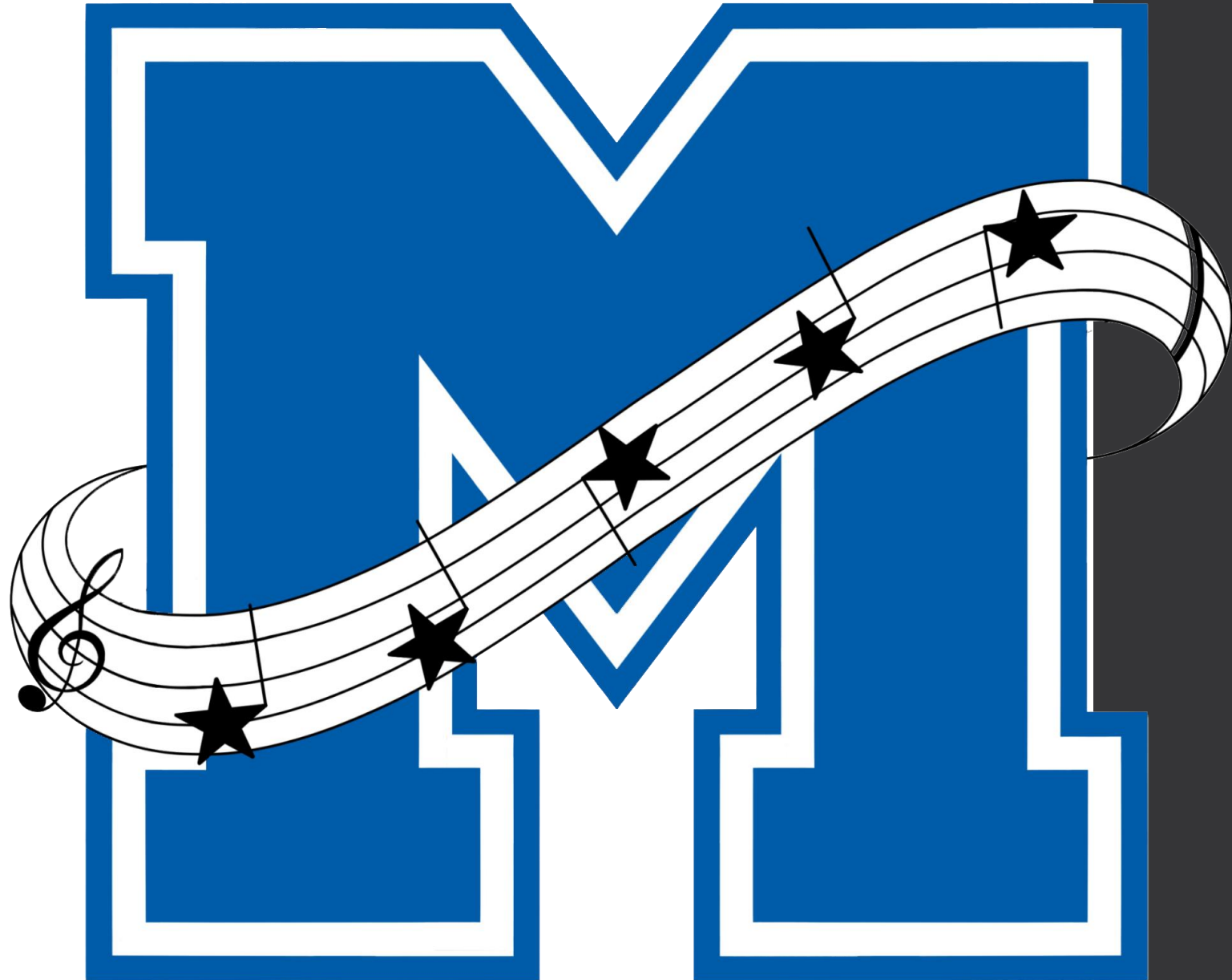
Two State Marching Band Championships (Only school in the NEISD)

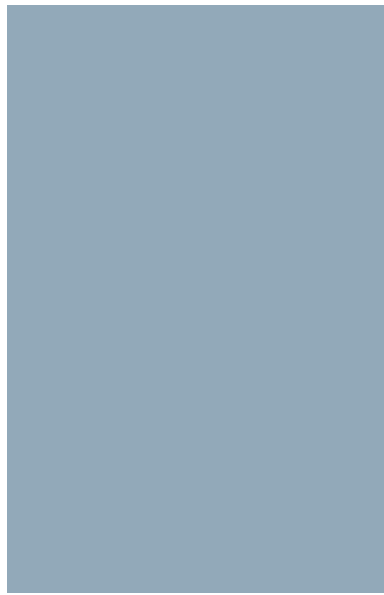
Jazz Band

State Medalist Indoor Groups

A community supportive of the Fine Arts

Great Middle School Feeders





Parts of Our Year

- **Marching Season** – Fall semester
- **Concert Season** – Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Band
- **Indoor Season** – Winter Guard, Indoor Percussion





Marching Season Overview

- Mini Band Camp and Round Up in May
- Mandatory Summer Band Training in July
- Round-Up (make up day) in August
- Football game performances - 5A district - September through November, weekly
- Marching band competitions – Saturdays in late September, most of October
- Pep rallies – weekly, immediately before/after school hours
- Parades – Day Parade, Battle of the Bands (spring semester)

Summer Band Training Dates

What is it?

- Physical movement, indoor and outdoor.
- Music blocks: sectional, instrument family, full band.
- Team building, relationship building.

Is it mandatory?

- Yes – it is mandatory. Summer band attendance will dictate which students have "spots" in the marching show.

• DATES

- Mini Band Camp (Tentative)
May 14-16 (5p-7p)
- Percussion and Guard Training camps
July 14-18 (7a-3pm)
- Full band begins **July 21.**

Percussion Info.

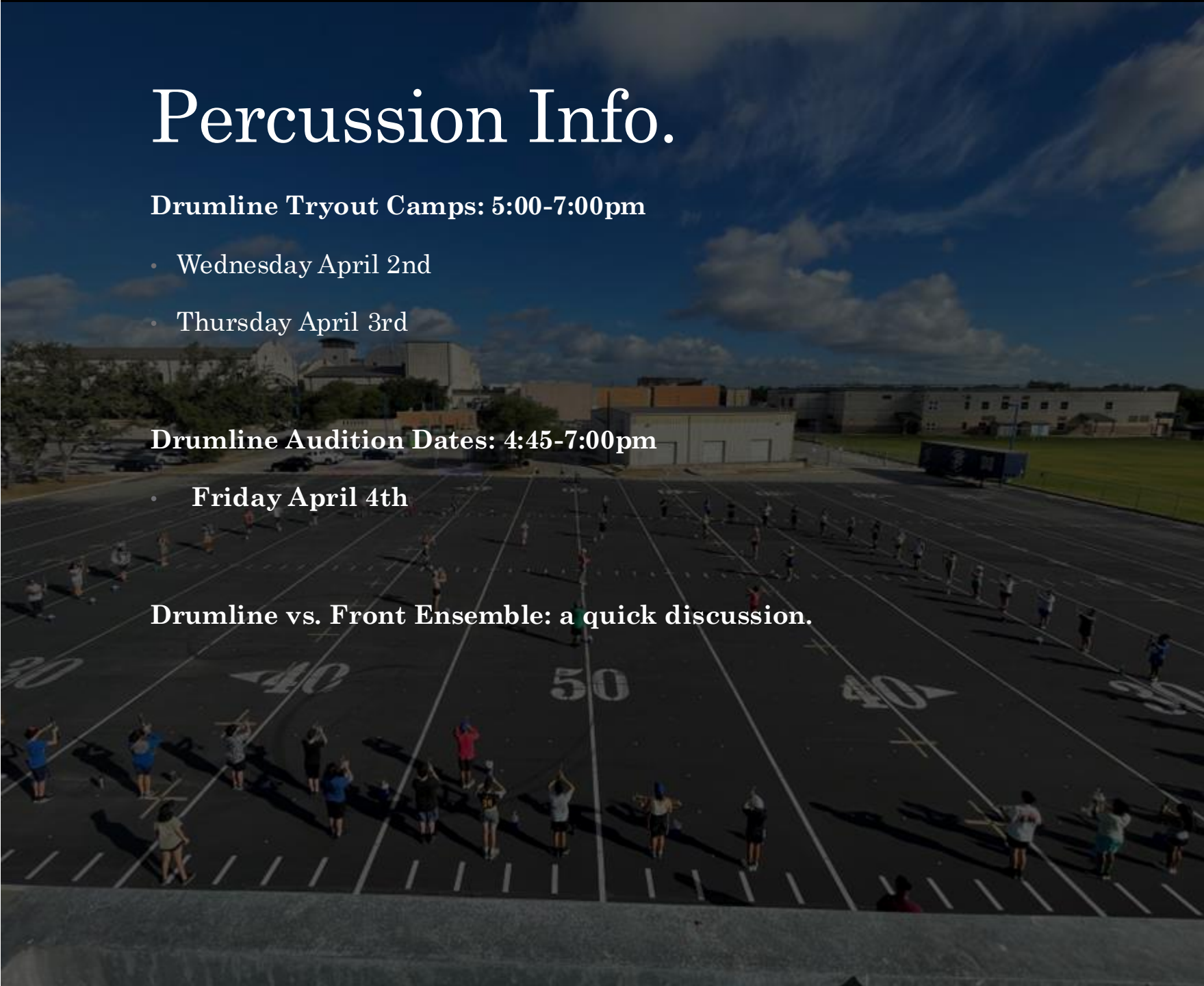
Drumline Tryout Camps: 5:00-7:00pm

- Wednesday April 2nd
- Thursday April 3rd

Drumline Audition Dates: 4:45-7:00pm

- Friday April 4th

Drumline vs. Front Ensemble: a quick discussion.



Summer Band Day-to-Day

July 21 – August 1



Times: 7:00am – 2:30pm

- 7:00am-11:30am: Outdoor technique and training
- Lunch from 11:30-12:30
- 12:30-2:30: Full Ensemble

Sectionals 2:30pm – 4:30pm

- Mon – Flutes/Trumpets/Front Ensemble
- Tues – Clarinets/Mellophones/Snare Drums
- Wed – Alto Sax/Trombone/Baritone/Tenor Drums
- Thur – Low Reeds/Tubas/Bass Drums
- Fridays off at 12:30pm (No Lunch)

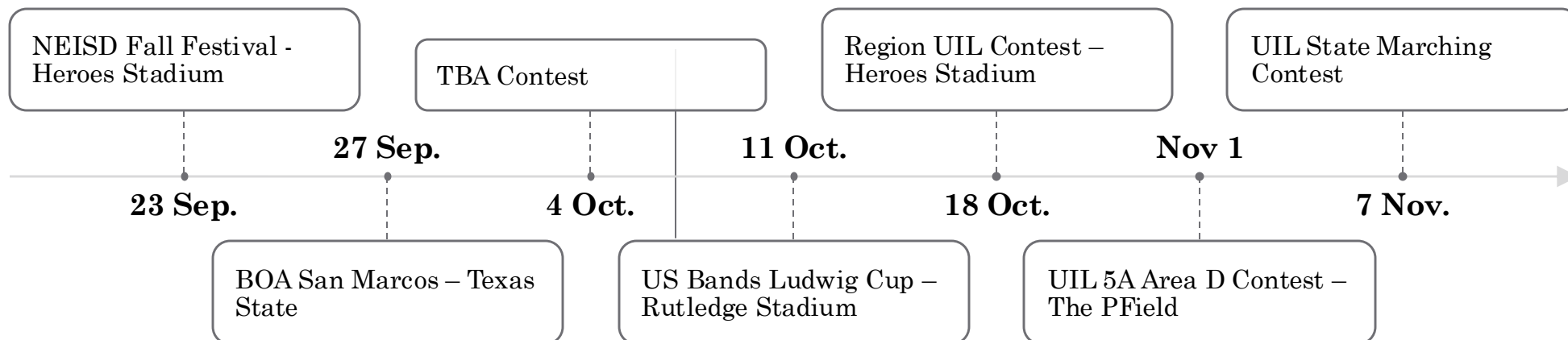
August 4-7 we have evening camp from 4p-8p

Weekly Fall Schedule

- Monday – Full Band (4:45 - 7:45pm)
- Tuesday – Guard and Battery (4:45 – 6:15pm)
- Wednesday – Winds/Front Ensemble (6:45am-8:15am)
- Thursday – Full Band (4:45 - 7:45pm)
- Friday – Football Games (possible Thursday/Saturday games)
- Saturday – Contests (October is peak competition time)
- UIL 8-Hour Rule (MacArthur does 7 ½ hours)

*subject to change

2025 MARCHING CONTESTS



Spring Ensembles

- Wind Ensemble
- Symphonic Band
- Concert Band
- Jazz Ensemble
- Chamber Ensembles (sax quartet, brass ensembles)
- Percussion Ensemble/Indoor
- Winter Guard



Spring Overview

- January – Winter Guard and Indoor Percussion contests, school musical
- February – Jazz Contests, Winter Guard and Indoor Percussion cont'd
- March – Spring trip (every other year), Winter Guard and Indoor Percussion cont'd
- April – Fiesta parades (every other year), Jazz Band contests, UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Contest
- May – Solo and ensemble, concert band festivals, spring concert, graduation band, band banquet, mini band camp

Concert Band Weekly Rehearsals

- Symphonic Band and Concert Band
 - 2 rehearsals after school (typically 2 hours long)
- Wind Ensemble
 - 1 sectional rehearsal before OR after school (typically 1 hour long)
 - 2 full band rehearsals after school (typically 2 hours long)
- Additional Ensemble Rehearsals (Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Band, Musical, etc.)
 - 1 full ensemble rehearsal before OR after school (typically 1.5 hrs long)

Winter Guard

- Weekly rehearsals – 3 to 4 per week, typically 3-4 hour blocks after school day ends, occasional Saturdays
- Competitive season is end of January – First week in April. Rehearsals begin after marching season is done
- Most contests in San Antonio & Austin area – TECA, WGI

Jazz Band

- Audition based
 - Morning Rehearsals Fall Season (not to conflict with marching)
 - Afternoon/Morning Rehearsals in Spring
- February - April competition season
- Curricular jazz class period not required, but highly encouraged (instrumental ensemble)

BAND FEES

- Band Fees are determined in May after looking at enrollment. We divide the cost of the entire program evenly between the number of students enrolled. This year's fees were \$700

MacArthur BPA

- **Band Parent Association - helps the band organize events, volunteers, meal options for students, arrange for transportation, purchase equipment, help organize banquet, help build props, pay for some marching band expenses, AND MUCH MORE**
- **They help give each student the best experience possible by lowering the cost of participation.**
- **Who do I contact?**

macbandparents@gmail.com

Concessions/MBPA Board

- Single biggest fundraiser for our program ALL year.
- Events will be listed in Cut Time, click on the helping hand!
- **Discount** on band fees if you work concessions events during the fall and spring
- Parents/Guardians that volunteer as members of the MBPA Board earn an additional discount/credit towards their fees

Fundraising Opportunities

- Program vs. individual fundraisers
- Every student contribution is recorded and credited to their account for individual fundraisers
- Three individual fundraisers in the year (typically August/November/February)
- **Students could potentially fundraise 100% of band fees**

Questions?

- www.macbandsa.com
- Band Calendar
- Weekly Sheet
- Student Resources
- Email the directors:
 - htrevi2@neisd.net
 - vsalin2@neisd.net
 - msumme@neisd.net